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Document AO, the French 2 650 608 patent relates to an animal feces collector including a set of jaws 5 which can be selectively pivoted outwardly in order to pick up material. Several batteries (visible in FIG. 2) controlled by a switch 15 are used to power a lamp 12.

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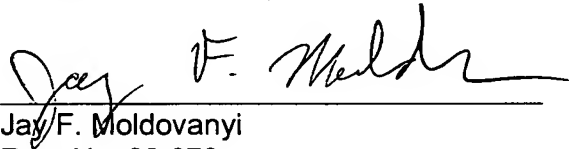
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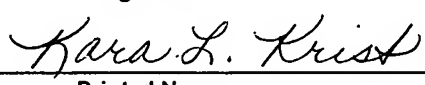
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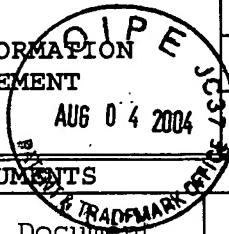
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